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1. Organizational and procedural matters

Date and venue of the session

1. In accordance with its annual programme of work, the Council will hold its twenty-seventh session from 8 to 26 September 2014 at the United Nations Office at Geneva.

2. In accordance with rule 8 (b) of the rules of procedure of the Human Rights Council, as contained in section VII of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 of 18 June 2007, and the outcome of consultations with the Bureau of the Council, it has been decided that the organizational meeting for the twenty-seventh session will be held on 25 August 2014.

Agenda of the session

3. The agenda of the Human Rights Council is contained in section V of the annex to Council resolution 5/1. The Council will have before it the present annotations relating to items included in the agenda for the twenty-seventh session.

Composition of the Human Rights Council

4. The composition of the Human Rights Council at its twenty-seventh session is as follows:* Algeria (2016); Argentina (2015); Austria (2014); Benin (2014); Botswana (2014); Brazil (2015); Burkina Faso (2014); Chile (2014); China (2016); Congo (2014); Costa Rica (2014); Côte d'Ivoire (2015); Cuba (2016); Czech Republic (2014); Estonia (2015); Ethiopia (2015); France (2016); Gabon (2015); Germany (2015); India (2014); Indonesia (2014); Ireland (2015); Italy (2014); Japan (2015); Kazakhstan (2015); Kenya (2015); Kuwait (2014); Maldives (2016); Mexico (2016); Montenegro (2015); Morocco (2016); Namibia (2016); Pakistan (2015); Peru (2014), Philippines (2014); Republic of Korea (2015); Romania (2014); Russian Federation (2016); Saudi Arabia (2016); Sierra Leone (2015); South Africa (2016); the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (2016); United Arab Emirates (2015); United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland; United States of America (2015); Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2015); Viet Nam (2016).

Bureau of the Human Rights Council

5. The composition of the Bureau of the Council for its eighth cycle, which will run until 31 December 2014, is as follows: President of the Council, Baudelaire Ndong Ella (Gabon); Vice-Presidents, Maurizio Enrico Serra (Italy), Dilip Sinha (India), Alberto D'Alotto (Argentina); Vice-President and Rapporteur, Kateřina Sequensová (Czech Republic).

Selection and appointment of mandate holders

6. In accordance with paragraph 47 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and the requirements set out in Council decision 6/102, the consultative group

* The term of membership of each State expires in the year indicated in parentheses.

comprising Luis Enrique Chávez Basagoitia (Peru), Omar Hilale (Morocco), Rytis Paulauskas (Lithuania), Yeonchul Yoo (Republic of Korea) and Elissa Golberg (Canada) will propose to the President of the Council a list of candidates for the following mandates to be appointed at the twenty-seventh session: Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation; Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities; Independent Expert on the enhancement of capacity-building and technical cooperation with Côte d'Ivoire in the field of human rights; Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan; Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances (one member from Western European and other States); Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (one member from Asia-Pacific States) and Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent (one member from Eastern European States).

7. In accordance with the procedure stipulated in paragraphs 52 and 53 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the appointment of special procedures mandate holders will be completed upon the subsequent approval of the Council. The mandate holders in question will be appointed before the end of the twenty-seventh session.

Election of members of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee

8. At its seventh session, the Human Rights Council elected the 18 members of the Advisory Committee, of whom four members for a one-year term, seven for a two-year term and seven for a three-year term.

9. At its sixteenth session, the Council elected seven members for a three-year term. Pursuant to Council decision 18/121, the term of office of the seven members will end on 30 September 2014.

10. At its twenty-seventh session, the Council will elect, in accordance with its annual programme of work, Advisory Committee members for the seven vacant seats. Of the seven vacancies, there are two vacancies for African States and two for Asian States, and there is one vacancy for Eastern European States, one for Latin American and Caribbean States and one for Western European and other States.

11. Paragraph 70 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1 provides that the Council shall elect the members of the Advisory Committee, in secret ballot, from the list of candidates whose names have been presented in accordance with the agreed requirements.

12. Pursuant to paragraph 67 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the Council adopted decision 6/102 containing technical and objective requirements for the submission of candidatures for members of the Advisory Committee with the aim of ensuring that the best possible expertise is made available to the Council.

13. In accordance with paragraph 71 of the annex to Council resolution 5/1, the list of candidates for the seven vacant seats and relevant information have been made available to Member States and to the public in a note by the Secretary-General (A/HRC/27/17 and Add.1).

Report of the session

14. At the end of its session, the Human Rights Council will have before it for adoption a draft report prepared by the Rapporteur. The report will contain a technical summary of the proceedings held during the twenty-seventh session.

2. Annual report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and reports of the Office of the High Commissioner and the Secretary-General

15. All reports of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Office of the High Commissioner (OHCHR) and the Secretary-General are submitted under agenda item 2, which remains an open-ended item throughout the session. These reports will be considered at the time of consideration of relevant agenda items, as appropriate. The specific timing of their introduction will be reflected in the programme of work.

Promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka

16. In its resolution 25/1 on promoting reconciliation and accountability in Sri Lanka, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to present an oral update to the Council on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will hear an oral update.

Composition of the staff of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

17. In its resolution 22/2, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit a comprehensive and updated report to the Council following the structure and scope of her report and with a special focus on further measures taken to correct the imbalance in the geographical composition of the staff of the Office. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/27/18).

18. In its resolution 22/2, the Council also requested the Joint Inspection Unit to undertake a comprehensive follow-up review of the management and administration of OHCHR, in particular with regard to its impact on the recruitment policies and the composition of the staff, and to submit a report thereon and containing concrete proposals for the implementation of the that resolution. The Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat relating to the report of the Joint Inspection Unit (A/HRC/27/19).

Preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age

19. In its resolution 24/11, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to convene, in cooperation with relevant entities of the United Nations system, an expert workshop to prepare concise technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce and eliminate preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/31).

Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law

20. In its resolution 22/7, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, a report on legal, administrative, economic, physical and any other barriers to access to universal birth registration and possession of documentary proof of birth, as well as on good practices adopted by States in fulfilling their obligation to ensure birth registration. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/22)

Question of the death penalty

21. In its decision 18/117, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to submit a yearly supplement to his quinquennial report on capital punishment

and the implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty, paying special attention to the imposition of the death penalty on persons younger than 18 years of age at the time of the offence, on pregnant women and on persons with mental or intellectual disabilities. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/27/23).

22. Pursuant to its decision 22/117, the Council held, at its twenty-fifth session, a high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty. In accordance with that decision, the Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion (A/HRC/27/26).

Human rights and transitional justice

23. In its resolution 21/15, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit an analytical study focusing on gender-based and sexual violence in relation to transitional justice. The Council will have before it the study of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/21).

Prevention of genocide

24. Pursuant to its resolution 22/22, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-fifth session, a high-level panel discussion on the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. Also in resolution 22/22, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the high-level panel in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/24).

Equal political participation

25. In its resolution 24/8, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a study on factors that impede equal political participation and on steps to overcome those challenges, while taking into account, inter alia, the relevant work of the special procedures, the treaty bodies and other relevant international human rights mechanisms. The Council will have before it the study of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/29).

The right to privacy in the digital age

26. In its resolution 68/167, the General Assembly requested OHCHR to submit, to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, a report on the protection and promotion of the right to privacy in the context of domestic and extraterritorial surveillance and/or the interception of digital communications and the collection of personal data, including on a mass scale. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/37).

27. Reference is also made to the panel discussion on the right to privacy in the digital age (see para. 59 below and annex).

The right to development

28. In its resolution 24/4, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to continue to submit to the Council an annual report on its activities, including on inter-agency coordination within the United Nations system with regard to the promotion and realization of the right to development. The Council will have before it the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner (A/HRC/27/27).

29. Reference is also made to the report of the Working Group on the Right to Development on its fifteenth session (A/HRC/27/45) (see para. 67 below).

Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights

30. In its resolution 21/6, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare, in consultation with all relevant stakeholders, a report on how the technical guidance on the application of a human rights-based approach to the implementation of policies and programmes to reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity has been applied by States and other relevant actors. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/20).

High-level panel discussion on the identification of good practices in combating female genital mutilation

31. Pursuant to its decision 24/117, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-sixth session, a high-level panel discussion on the identification of good practices in combating female genital mutilation. In the same decision, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the panel in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/36).

Preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage

32. Pursuant to resolution 24/23, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-sixth session, a panel discussion on preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the panel in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/34).

Rights of the child

33. Pursuant to its resolution 22/32, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-fifth session, a full-day meeting on access to justice for children. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the meeting in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/25).

Rights of indigenous peoples

34. In its resolution 24/10, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to continue to submit to the Council an annual report on the rights of indigenous peoples containing information on relevant developments in human rights bodies and mechanisms and activities undertaken by OHCHR at headquarters and in the field that contribute to the promotion of, respect for and the full application of the provisions of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and to the follow-up on the effectiveness of the Declaration. The Council will have before it the report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/27/30) (see also paras. 75, 78 and 92 – 97 below).

Women's human rights

35. In its resolution 26/15, the Human Rights Council welcomed the panel discussions on gender stereotyping and on women's human rights in the context of the sustainable development agenda, held during the annual full-day discussion on women's human rights at its twenty-sixth session, and requested OHCHR to present a report summarizing the panel recommendations to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/73).

Safety of journalists

36. Pursuant to its decision 24/116, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-sixth session, a panel discussion on the issue of the safety of journalists. In the same decision, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the panel in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/35).

World Programme for Human Rights Education

37. In its resolution 24/15, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to prepare a plan of action for the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2015-2019), in consultation with States and relevant intergovernmental organizations, in particular the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, national human rights institutions and civil society, including non-governmental organizations. The Council will have before it the plan of action of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/28).

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

38. In its resolution 24/14, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to organize a workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women and children in the States targeted. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the proceedings of the workshop, which was held on 23 May 2014. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/32).

Civil society space: creating and maintaining, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment

39. Pursuant to its resolution 24/21, the Human Rights Council held, at its twenty-fifth session, a panel discussion on the importance of the promotion and protection of civil society space. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to present a report on the outcome of the discussion in the form of a summary. The Council will have before it the summary report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/33).

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

40. In its resolution 12/2, the Human Rights Council invited the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Council at its fourteenth session and annually thereafter, in accordance with its programme of work, containing a compilation and analysis of any available information, from all appropriate sources, on alleged reprisals against those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms, as well as recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals. The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/27/38).

Ensuring respect for international law in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem

41. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution S-21/1, including on measures taken with regard to ensuring accountability for the serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem (see para. 109 below).

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

42. In its resolution 23/17 on national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/27/39).

43. Also in its resolution 23/17, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the activities of the International Coordinating Committee of National Institutions for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in accrediting national institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/27/40).

National policies and human rights

44. In its resolution 23/19, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to submit a report on technical assistance and capacity-building options for integrating human rights into national policies, drawing from worldwide best practices in this field, with a view to support States in developing and applying suitable methodologies to that end, upon request and according to their own particular needs and priorities. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/41).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

45. In its resolution 24/27, the Human Rights Council requested OHCHR to report on its efforts to increase and enhance its technical assistance programmes and activities to improve the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Council will have before it the report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/42).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

46. In its resolution 24/32, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to provide technical assistance and to work with the Government of Yemen, as needed, to identify additional areas of assistance to enable Yemen to fulfil its human rights obligations. In the same resolution, the Council requested OHCHR to present to the Council, at its twenty-seventh session, a progress report on the situation of human rights in Yemen and on the follow-up to that resolution, as well as to Council resolutions 18/18, 19/29 and 21/22. The Council will have before it the progress report of OHCHR (A/HRC/27/44).

Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

47. In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution 26/30, the High Commissioner will report on the implementation of that resolution to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, followed by an interactive dialogue.

Technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights

48. In its resolution 26/31, the Human Rights Council requested the High Commissioner to submit an interim report on the human rights situation in South Sudan for discussion at the twenty-seventh session. The Council will consider the interim report of the High Commissioner (A/HRC/27/74) (see also para. 117 below).

Advisory services and technical assistance for Cambodia

49. In its resolution 24/29, the Human Rights Council requested the Secretary-General to report on the role and achievements of the Office of the High Commissioner in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/HRC/27/43) (see also para. 119 below).

3. Promotion and protection of all human rights, civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to development

A. Economic, social and cultural rights

Preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age

50. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concern (see para.19 above).

Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity

51. In accordance with its resolution 25/19, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on history teaching and memorialization processes, with a view to, inter alia, contributing to the sharing of good practices in this area (see annex).

Protection of the family

52. In accordance with its resolution 26/11, the Council will hold a panel discussion on the protection of the family and its members to address the implementation of States' obligations under relevant provisions of international human rights law and to discuss challenges and best practices in this regard (see annex).

Access to safe drinking water and sanitation

53. In its resolution 24/18, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the human right to safe drinking water and sanitation and requested the Special Rapporteur to continue to report to the Council on an annual basis. The Council will consider the reports of the mandate holder, Catarina de Albuquerque (A/HRC/27/55 and Add.1-3).

B. Civil and political rights

Birth registration and the right of everyone to recognition everywhere as a person before the law

54. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on legal, administrative, economic, physical and any other barriers to access to universal birth registration and possession of documentary proof of birth (see para. 20 above).

Question of the death penalty

55. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/27/23) and to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on the question of the death penalty (A/HRC/27/26) (see paras. 21 and 22 above).

Human rights and transitional justice

56. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on human rights and transitional justice (A/HRC/27/21) (see para. 23 above).

Prevention of genocide

57. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion dedicated to the sixty-fifth anniversary of the Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, held at the twenty-fifth session (A/HRC/27/24) (see para. 24 above).

Equal political participation

58. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on equal political participation (A/HRC/27/29) (see para. 25 above).

The right to privacy in the digital age

59. In accordance with its decision 25/117, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the promotion and protection of the right to privacy in the digital age in the context of domestic and extraterritorial surveillance and/or the interception of digital communications and the collection of personal data, including on a mass scale, also with a view to identifying challenges and best practices (see annex).

60. Reference is also made to the report of OHCHR on the protection and promotion of the right to privacy in the context of domestic and extraterritorial surveillance and/or the interception of digital communications and the collection of personal data, including on a mass scale (A/HRC/27/37) (see para. 26 above).

Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice

61. In accordance with its resolution 24/12, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of their liberty (see annex).

Contemporary forms of slavery

62. In its resolution 15/2, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of slavery, including its causes and consequences to submit annual reports on the activities of the mandate, together with recommendations on measures that should be taken to combat and eradicate contemporary forms of slavery and slavery-like practices and to protect the human rights of victims of such practices. The Council will consider the reports of the new mandate holder, Urmila Bhoola, and those of her predecessor (A/HRC/27/53 and Add. 1-3).

Arbitrary detention

63. In its resolution 24/7, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention for a further period of three years. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Working Group to report to the Council on the progress made in drafting basic principles and guidelines on remedies and procedures on the right of anyone deprived of his or her liberty, requested by the Council in its resolution 20/16. The Council will consider the progress report of the Working Group (A/HRC/27/48 and Add.1-5).

64. In its resolution 20/16, the Human Rights Council also requested the Working Group to submit a specific report to the Council on national, regional and international laws, regulations and practices on the right of anyone deprived of his or her liberty by arrest or detention to bring proceedings before court, in order that the court may decide without delay on the lawfulness of his or her detention and order his or her release if the detention is not lawful, in accordance with their international obligations. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/27/47).

Enforced or involuntary disappearances

65. In its resolution 16/16, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances for a further period of three years, in conformity with the terms set forth in Council resolution 7/12. In its decision 25/116, the Council decided to postpone the renewal of the mandate of the Working Group to its twenty-seventh session and, for that reason, to extend, on an exceptional basis, the mandate of the Working Group until that session. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/27/49 and Add.1-3).

Truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence

66. In its resolution 18/7, the Human Rights Council decided to appoint a special rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, and requested the mandate holder to report annually to the Council and the General Assembly. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Pablo De Greiff (A/HRC/27/56 and Add.1-2).

C. Right to development

67. In its resolution 9/3, the Human Rights Council decided that the Working Group on the Right to Development should convene annual sessions of five working days and submit its reports to the Council. The Council will have before it the report of the Working Group on its fifteenth session, held from 12 to 16 May 2014 (A/HRC/27/45).

68. Reference is also made to the consolidated report of the Secretary-General and the High Commissioner on the right to development (A/HRC/27/27) (see para. 28 above).

D. Rights of peoples, and specific groups and individuals

Preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights

69. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on preventable maternal mortality and morbidity and human rights (A/HRC/27/20) (see para. 30 above).

High-level panel discussion on the identification of good practices in combating female genital mutilation

70. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the high-level panel discussion on the identification of good practices in combating female genital mutilation, held at the twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/27/36) (see para. 31 above).

Preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage

71. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on preventing and eliminating child, early and forced marriage, held at the twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/27/34) (see para. 32 above).

Rights of the child

72. In accordance with its resolution 25/10, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on ways and means of accelerating global efforts to end violence against children, with a particular focus on how to better prevent violence and protect children as a global priority and cross-cutting concern, and to share best practices and lessons learned in this regard (see annex).

73. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on preventable mortality and morbidity of children under 5 years of age as a human rights concern (A/HRC/27/31) (see para. 19 above).

74. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the full-day meeting on access to justice for children, held at the twenty-fifth session (A/HRC/27/25) (see para. 33 above).

Human rights of indigenous peoples

75. In its resolution 24/9, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples for a period of three years on the same terms as provided by the Council in its resolution 15/14. The Council will consider the report of the new mandate holder, Victoria Lucia Tauli-Corpuz, as well as that of her predecessor (A/HRC/27/52 and Add.1-4).

76. Reference is also made to the annual report of the High Commissioner on the human rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/27/30) (see para. 34 above).

77. Reference is also made to the report of the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (see paras. 92 – 97 below).

78. Pursuant to its resolutions 18/8 and 24/10, the Human Rights Council will hold a half-day panel discussion on the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples in natural disaster risk reduction, and prevention and preparedness initiatives, including consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned in the elaboration of national plans for natural disaster risk reduction (see annex).

Women's human rights

79. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussions on the issue of gender stereotyping and on women's human rights in the context of the sustainable development agenda, held at the twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/27/73) (see para. 35 above).

Safety of journalists

80. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the issue of the safety of journalists, held at the twenty-sixth session (A/HRC/27/35) (see para. 36 above).

Human rights of older persons

81. In its resolution 24/20, the Human Rights Council decided to establish the mandate of Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, and requested the Independent Expert to report annually to the Council. In the same resolution, the Council requested the Independent Expert to present his or her first report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session, with a view to presenting a comprehensive report at its thirty-third session. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Rosa Kornfeld-Matte (A/HRC/27/46).

E. Interrelation of human rights and human rights thematic issues

World Programme for Human Rights Education

82. Reference is made to the plan of action of OHCHR for the third phase of the World Programme for Human Rights Education (2015-2019) (A/HRC/27/24) (see para. 37 above)

Human rights and unilateral coercive measures

83. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on proceedings of the workshop on the impact of the application of unilateral coercive measures on the enjoyment of human rights by the affected populations, in particular their socioeconomic impact on women and children in the States targeted (A/HRC/27/32) (see para. 38 above).

Civil society space: creating and maintaining, in law and in practice, a safe and enabling environment

84. Reference is made to the summary report of OHCHR on the panel discussion on the importance of the promotion and protection of civil society space, held at the twenty-fifth session (A/HRC/27/33) (see para. 39 above).

The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights

85. In accordance with its resolution 24/16, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights (see annex).

Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law

86. In accordance with its resolution 25/22, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law, including international human rights and humanitarian law (see annex).

Implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes

87. In its resolution 21/17, the Human Rights Council requested the Special Rapporteur on the implications for human rights of the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes to develop a guide to best practices regarding the human rights obligations related to the environmentally sound management and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes, and to submit the guide together with his report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session (A/HRC/27/54). The Council will hold an interactive dialogue with the new mandate holder, Baskut Tuncak.

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination

88. In its resolution 24/13, the Human Rights Council requested the Working Group on the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination to continue the work already done by previous mandate holders on the strengthening of the international legal framework for the prevention and sanction of the recruitment, use, financing and training of mercenaries. The Council also requested the Working Group to report its findings to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group (A/HRC/27/50 and Add.1).

Promotion of a democratic and equitable international order

89. In its resolution 25/15, the Human Rights Council requested the Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order to submit to the Council, at its twenty-seventh session, a report on the implementation of that resolution. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Alfred de Zayas (A/HRC/27/51 and Add.1).

4. Human rights situations that require the Council's attention

Situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic

90. In its resolution 25/23, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the independent international commission of inquiry on the Syrian Arab Republic established by resolution S-17/1 to investigate all alleged violations of international human rights law since March 2011 in the Syrian Arab Republic, and requested the commission to continue its work. The Council also requested the commission to present a written report on the situation of human rights in the Syrian Arab Republic during an interactive dialogue at the twenty-seventh and the twenty-eighth sessions of the Council. In its resolution 23/1, the Council requested the Commission to urgently conduct a comprehensive, independent and unfettered inquiry into the events in Al Qusayr, and to include the finding of the inquiry in its report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will consider the report of the commission (A/HRC/27/60).

5. Human rights bodies and mechanisms

Cooperation with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms in the field of human rights

91. Reference is made to the report of the Secretary-General on alleged reprisals, as well as recommendations on how to address the issues of intimidation and reprisals against those who seek to cooperate or have cooperated with the United Nations, its representatives and mechanisms (A/HRC/27/38) (see para. 40 above).

A. Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

92. In its resolution 6/36, the Human Rights Council decided to establish a subsidiary expert mechanism to provide the Council with thematic expertise on the rights of indigenous peoples in the manner and form requested by the Council. The Council will consider the report of the Expert Mechanism on its seventh session, held from 7 to 11 July 2014 (A/HRC/27/64).

93. In its resolution 24/10, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to continue its study on access to justice in the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples, with a focus on restorative justice and indigenous juridical systems, particularly as they relate to achieving peace and reconciliation, including an examination of access to justice related to indigenous women, children and youth and persons with disabilities, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will consider the study of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/27/65).

94. Also in its resolution 24/10, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to prepare a study on the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples in natural disaster risk reduction and prevention and preparedness initiatives, including consultation and cooperation with the indigenous peoples concerned in elaboration of national plans for natural disaster risk reduction, and to present it to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will consider the study of the Expert Mechanism (A/HRC/27/66).

95. In its resolutions 18/8, 21/24 and 24/10, the Council requested the Expert Mechanism to undertake, with the assistance of OHCHR, a questionnaire survey to seek the views of States and of indigenous peoples on best practices with regard to possible appropriate measures and implementation strategies to attain the goals of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, with a view to completing a final summary of responses for presentation to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the final summary of responses to the questionnaire (A/HRC/27/67).

96. Reference is also made to the annual report of the High Commissioner on the human rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/27/30) and to the half-day panel discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples (see paras. 34 and 78 above and annex).

97. Reference is also made to the report of the Special Rapporteur on the rights of indigenous peoples (A/HRC/27/52) (see para. 75 above).

B. Advisory Committee

98. The Advisory Committee held its twelfth session from 24 to 28 February 2014, and its thirteenth session from 11 to 15 August 2014. In accordance with paragraph 80 of the annex to Human Rights Council resolution 5/1 and decision 18/121, the Council will

consider the report of the Advisory Committee on those sessions (A/HRC/27/62) in an interactive dialogue with the Chairperson of the Committee.

99. In its resolution 22/16, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of relevant stakeholders in order to prepare a research-based report on best practices and main challenges in the promotion and protection of human rights in post-disaster and post-conflict situations, and requested the Committee to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-sixth session. In its decision 26/116, the Council decided to grant the Committee additional time in order to allow it to submit to the Council the progress report at its twenty-seventh session. Accordingly, the Council will have before it the progress report of the Committee (A/HRC/27/57).

100. In its resolution 24/1, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of relevant stakeholders in order to prepare a study on the possibilities of using sport and the Olympic ideal to promote human rights for all and to strengthen universal respect for them, and requested the Committee to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the progress report of the Committee (A/HRC/27/58).

101. In its resolution 24/2, the Council requested the Advisory Committee to seek the views and inputs of relevant stakeholder in order to prepare a research-based report on the role of local government in the promotion and protection of human rights, including human rights mainstreaming in local administration and public services, with a view to compiling best practices and main challenges, and requested the Committee to submit a progress report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session. The Council will have before it the progress report of the Committee (A/HRC/27/59).

C. Complaint procedure

102. In its resolution 5/1, the Human Rights Council established the complaint procedure as contained in section IV of the annex to that resolution. In paragraph 98 of the annex to resolution 5/1, the Working Group on Situations was requested, on the basis of the information and recommendations provided by the Working Group on Communications, to present the Council with a report on consistent patterns of gross and reliably attested violations of human rights and fundamental freedoms and to make recommendations to the Council on the course of action to be taken.

103. At its twenty-seventh session, the Council will consider the report of the Working Group on Situations on its twelfth session, held from 30 June to 4 July 2014, and any other pending issues relating to the complaint procedure in two closed meetings.

D. Special procedures

104. The Human Rights Council will have before it a note by the Secretariat relating to the twenty-first meeting of the special rapporteurs and representatives, independent experts and chairpersons of working groups of the special procedures of the Council (A/HRC/27/61).

105. The Council will have before it the joint communications report of special procedures (A/HRC/27/72). The full report will be available online.

E. Open-ended intergovernmental working group on a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace

106. In its resolution 20/15, the Human Rights Council decided to establish an open-ended intergovernmental working group with the mandate of progressively negotiating a draft United Nations declaration on the right to peace. The Council will have before it the report of the working group on its second session, held from 30 June to 4 July 2014 (A/HRC/27/63).

6. Universal periodic review

107. The Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review held its nineteenth session from 28 April to 9 May 2014.The Council will consider and adopt the final outcomes of the review of Norway, Albania, Bhutan, Brunei Darussalam, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Dominica, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Nicaragua, Portugal and Qatar (A/HRC/27/3-16).

108. Pursuant to President's statement 9/2 on modalities and practices for the universal periodic review process, the report of the Working Group, together with the views of the State under review concerning the recommendations and/or conclusions, as well as voluntary commitments made and replies presented by the State under review, before the adoption of the outcome by the plenary, to questions or issues that were not sufficiently addressed during the interactive dialogue in the Working Group, would constitute the outcome of the review, to be adopted by the Council at its plenary session through a standardized decision.

7. Human rights situation in Palestine and other occupied Arab territories

109. In accordance with Human Rights Council resolution S-21/1, adopted at its twenty-first special session, the High Commissioner will report to the Council at its twenty-seventh session on the implementation of that resolution, including on measures taken with regard to ensuring accountability for the serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem.

8. Follow-up to and implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action

Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system

110. In accordance with its resolution 6/30, the Human Rights Council will hold an annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout its work and that of its mechanisms (see annex).

National institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights

111. Reference is made to the reports of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Council resolution 23/17 (A/HRC/27/39) and on the activities of the International Coordinating Committee in accrediting national institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles (A/HRC/27/40) (see paras. 41 and 42 above).

9. Racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related forms of intolerance, follow-up to and implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent

112. In its resolutions 9/14 and 18/28, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent for a further period of three years, and requested the Working Group to submit an annual report to the Council on all activities relating to its mandate. The Council will consider the report of the Working Group on its thirteenth and fourteenth sessions, held from 18 to 22 November 2013 and from 31 March to 4 April 2014, respectively (A/HRC/27/68 and Add. 1).

10. Technical assistance and capacity-building

National policies and human rights

113. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on technical assistance and capacity-building options for integrating human rights into national policies, drawing from worldwide best practices in this field (A/HRC/27/41) (see para. 44 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

114. Reference is made to the report of OHCHR on its efforts to increase and enhance its technical assistance programmes and activities to improve the human rights situation in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (A/HRC/27/42) (see para. 45 above).

Technical assistance and capacity-building for Yemen in the field of human rights

115. Reference is made to the progress report of OHCHR on its technical assistance and work with the Government of Yemen to identify additional areas of assistance to enable Yemen to fulfil its human rights obligations (A/HRC/27/44) (see paragraph 46 above).

Cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights

116. Reference is made to the report of the High Commissioner on the implementation of Human Rights Council resolution 26/30 on cooperation and assistance to Ukraine in the field of human rights (see para. 47 above).

Technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights

117. In accordance with its resolution 26/31, the Human Rights Council will hold a panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan (see annex).

118. Reference is also made to the interim report of the High Commissioner on the human rights situation in South Sudan (A/HRC/27/74) (see para. 48 above).

Advisory services and technical assistance to Cambodia

119. In its resolution 24/29, the Human Rights Council decided to extend by two years the mandate of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Cambodia, and requested the Special Rapporteur to report on the implementation of his mandate to the Council at its twenty-seventh and thirtieth sessions. The Council will consider the report of the Special Rapporteur, Surya Prasad Subedi (A/HRC/27/70).

120. Reference is also made to the report of the Secretary-General on the role and achievements of OHCHR in assisting the Government and the people of Cambodia in the promotion and protection of human rights (A/HRC/27/43) (see para. 49 above).

Assistance to Somalia in the field of human rights

121. In its resolution 24/30, the Human Rights Council decided to extend the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Somalia for two years, and requested the Independent Expert to continue his engagement with the Government of Somalia at the national and subnational levels, civil society and the United Nations Assistance Mission in Somalia. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Bahame Nyanduga (A/HRC/27/71).

Technical assistance for the Sudan in the field of human rights

122. In its resolution 24/28, the Human Rights Council decided to renew the mandate of the Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan for a period of one year, and requested the Independent Expert to continue his engagement with the Government of the Sudan, considering a full range of information with a view to implementing the projects that would further help the Sudan to fulfil its human rights obligations. The Council also requested the Independent Expert to assist the Government in its strategy to implement the remaining accepted universal periodic review recommendations. The Council will consider the report of the mandate holder, Mashood Baderin (A/HRC/27/69).

Annex

Panel discussions to be held at the twenty-seventh session of the Human Rights Council

Resolution / decision	*Panel / discussion*
25/19 Promotion of the enjoyment of the cultural rights of everyone and respect for cultural diversity	Panel discussion on history teaching and memorialization processes
26/11 Protection of the family	Panel discussion on the protection of the family and its members
25/117 Panel on the right to privacy in the digital age	Panel discussion on the right to privacy in the digital age
24/12 Human rights in the administration of justice, including juvenile justice	Panel discussion on the protection of the human rights of persons deprived of their liberty
25/10 Ending violence against children: a global call to make the invisible visible	Panel discussion on ways and means of accelerating global efforts to end violence against children
18/8 and **24/10** Human rights and indigenous peoples	Annual half-day discussion on the rights of indigenous peoples, on the theme of the promotion and protection of the rights of indigenous peoples in natural disaster risk reduction
24/16 The role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights	Panel discussion on the role of prevention in the promotion and protection of human rights
25/22 Ensuring use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations in accordance with international law, including international human rights and humanitarian law	Panel discussion on the use of remotely piloted aircraft or armed drones in counter-terrorism and military operations
6/30 Integrating the human rights of women throughout the United Nations system	Annual discussion on the integration of a gender perspective throughout the work of the Human Rights Council and that of its mechanisms

Resolution / decision	*Panel / discussion*
26/31 **Technical and capacity-building assistance for South Sudan in the field of human rights**	**Panel discussion on the human rights situation in South Sudan**